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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/617,868
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Dear Examiner Sirmons:

We last spoke by telephone regarding the status of the above-mentioned case on July 7, 2005. During that conversation, you stated that the case is not ready for examination because of an administrative issue.

To further investigate any administrative issue, I contacted the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE). The OIPE informed me that the case is indeed awaiting examiner's action and that the last entered paper is the April 27, 2005 response to the office action of November 17, 2004. Copies of the "Image File Wrapper" and "File History" of the case from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) website evidencing these facts are attached for your convenience.

If in your opinion the case is not ready for examination, please let me know the reason why and when you anticipate the case moving forward. You can contact me at (214) 740-8678.

I would appreciate hearing back from you in the very near future regarding this issue because our client would like to see this case (that was filed in July 2000) proceed to issuance as soon as possible, and because I am leaving Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP on August 5, 2005. If you have to respond to this letter after August 5, 2005, please direct your correspondence to Monty L. Ross of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP whose phone number is (214) 740-8519.

Kevin C. Sirmons

August 2, 2005

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I have greatly enjoyed working with you on the many cases of Thomas J. Shaw and Retractable Technologies, Inc., and I look forward to hearing from you on this issue before I depart Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP.

Sincerely,



Kristen R. Paris

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cc: Monty L. Ross (firm)
Steven R. Wisner (Retractable Technologies, Inc.)

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